

recently passed the Senate. I have the utmost confidence that the President will want to sign this important piece of legislation into law because it allows executive branch agencies to focus more resources on important current issues as opposed to focusing on outdated and unnecessary reporting requirements.

This bill was sent to both the chair and ranking members of all House and Senate committees to illustrate the broad bipartisan support for this bill and generate the vast list of reports that are slated to be eliminated or modified. The response by both the majority and minority has been overwhelmingly favorable. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that enactment of this legislation could result in savings of \$5 to \$10 million even before additional savings from the sunset provision are factored in.

The sunset provision eliminates those reports with an annual, semiannual, or regular periodic reporting requirement 4 years after the bill's enactment, while allowing Members of Congress to reauthorize those reports deemed necessary for carrying out effective congressional oversight. This provision does not apply to any reporting requirements under the Inspector General Act of 1978 or the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor this bill and lighten the red tape burden on executive branch agencies so that our Government can operate with fewer restrictions and greater efficiency.

#### TRIBUTE TO QUEEN ELIZABETH JAMES

HON. DONALD M. PAYNE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of my colleagues, a special occasion that is taking place in New Jersey this Sunday, September 17. It is the recognition of a great American, Queen Elizabeth James, known affectionately as "Queenie." She is being honored for her tremendous contributions to the civic and political communities of America.

Queen E. James has been active in the city of Newark, the county of Essex, and the State of New Jersey. Today, the term "diversity" is being used more and more to describe elements and relationships of our complex society. Queenie James is an able example of diversity at work. She has been a successful entrepreneur, an elected official, a political and civic leader, all the while being a dedicated daughter, wife, mother, and grandmother.

She has dedicated herself to making positive changes for those she serves. And she has served well. She has committed 32 years of her life to serving her local community as a county committeewoman. She has served in the leadership of the South Ward Democratic Organization as well as the Essex County Democratic County Committee. The New Jersey Real Estate Commission has benefited from her service as a commissioner.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure my colleagues will want to join me as I congratulate and thank Queen Elizabeth James for her dedication to making life better for so many.

#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1996

SPEECH OF

HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 7, 1995

The House of Committee on the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2126) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, and for other purposes:

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of the DeLauro substitute to the Dornan amendment. I oppose the Dornan amendment, which prohibits any funds from being used to perform abortions in military medical facilities except in the case of life endangerment of the mother.

American women are guaranteed the constitutional right to obtain safe and legal abortions. The restrictive language in the Dornan amendment is obvious in its intent to deny that right to women who selflessly serve this country overseas. This is unjust and unreasonable.

The health and safety of women is clearly threatened by the Dornan amendment. Denying women the opportunity to obtain a safe abortion from qualified doctors in a military hospital does not mean they will decide against abortion. Instead, we will see them seeking abortions in an unfamiliar, foreign environment where the opportunity to be treated by a skilled medical professional is not available.

This amendment, as so many others we have seen in the course of this Congress, sacrifices the health, safety, and constitutional rights of women to further a pro-life agenda.

I urge my colleagues to recognize the rights of American servicepeople and their families. Oppose the Dornan amendment and support the DeLauro substitute and women's right to choose.

#### FEDERAL ACQUISITION REFORM ACT OF 1995

SPEECH OF

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 13, 1995

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1670) to revise and streamline the acquisition laws of the Federal Government, to reorganize the mechanisms for resolving Federal procurement disputes, and for other purposes.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in support of this amendment to eliminate this unwarranted subsidy for defense contractors.

Every year, U.S. taxpayers spend more than \$30 billion to develop weapons systems for the military. That Federal spending has led to the creation of the most technologically advanced military in the world, armed with Stealth bombers, Tomahawk missiles, and supersonic attack aircraft. Throughout the cold war and especially during the 1980's, this country sacrificed funding for education, nutrition, biomedical research, and health care in order to support a bloated Defense budget.

Unfortunately, we see that trend continuing this year with cuts in nearly every social program, including Medicare and Medicaid, while increasing spending by \$2.1 billion for the military.

Now, we see that some in Congress would like to toss our costly investment out the window by allowing foreign countries to benefit from the technological advances, made through taxpayer funded R&D, without having to pay for it. When U.S. defense companies sell their wares abroad, the United States has a right to be compensated for our help in developing their weapons. In the past 5 years, that dividend has amounted to nearly \$1 billion in deficit reduction for the United States. Are we really willing to throw away a billion dollars of our constituents money at time when we say we want to balance the budget? Are we going to ask veterans to endure cuts in their benefits, while at the same time voting for the Nation's wealthiest defense contractors? I say "no." The Citizens Against Government Waste, who supports this amendment, say "no." And most importantly, the military retirees, whose benefits will be slashed to pay for this subsidy for arms merchants, say no. I urge my colleagues to support the Maloney, DeFazio, Berman amendment.

#### THE UNITED STATES MUST STAND WITH TAIWAN

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 14, 1995

Mr. KING. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration's decision to have the First Lady attend the Women's Conference in Beijing would be troubling enough under any circumstances. Not only does China's Communist Government routinely trample the human rights of all its citizens—male and female—it also felt compelled to execute 16 political dissidents in preparation for this conference. Very simply, the administration has allowed itself to be maneuvered into providing the veneer of moral respectability to an outlaw regime such as the People's Republic of China [PRC].

Even more troubling, however, is the doubt which this decision casts on the willingness of the United States to resist mainland China's increasingly aggressive actions against Taiwan. The Republic of China fought side by side with the United States in World War II and continued to be a loyal ally of the United States after Chiang Kai-shek evacuated his forces from the Chinese mainland and moved the Government of the Republic of China to Taiwan in 1949. It has also become a free-market economic powerhouse. Taiwan is the United States' seventh largest trading partner, has more than \$80 billion in foreign exchange reserves and, even though its population is 50 times smaller, has a GDP comparable to mainland China's. Taiwan also has strong defense forces, lacking only sophisticated fighter jets and anti-missile systems.

Taiwan's greatest achievement, however, has been its attainment of an open, democratic society. For years Taiwan had a closed political system. Martial law was lifted in 1987, however, and Taiwan now has a robust political system, with a particularly combative National Assembly. In March 1996 the President,